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REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the examiner for the detailed remarks and allowability of claims 2 and 8-10. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Claim 4 was objected to as being a substantial duplicate of another claim and has been cancelled. New claims 11 and 12 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-3 and 5-12 are pending.

Claims 2 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of the base claims. Claims 2 and 8 are therefore in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Taouil*. Amended claim 1 recites "a gutter wall separating the liquid passage and the air flow passage." In *Taouil*, the openings 32 extend through the gutter portion 30 into the liquid passage of the gutter 16. Thus, there is no gutter wall that separates the liquid passage from the air flow passage, as recited in applicant's claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 and its dependent claims are properly allowable.

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Taouil*. The Examiner contends that *Taouil* discloses the basic claimed gutter except for explicitly detailing non-linear air flow passages. As explained above, *Taouil* fails to disclose all of the features of the base claim of claim 5. The modification of claim 5 fails to correct this deficiency. Thus, the rejection of claim 5 is moot.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Taouil*. The Examiner argues that *Taouil* discloses the basic claimed invention except for explicitly detailing the use of second and third gutter sections. The Examiner contends that, although *Taouil* is silent in this regard, it would have been obvious to form that which is previously known as a single or integral product into several pieces as routine skill in the art. Respectfully, applicant disagrees.

The rejection fails to state any motivation in making the proposed modification. There would be no benefit to separating the gutter of *Taouil* into separate pieces as the Examiner suggests. Accordingly, the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

Even if the reference were properly modified, which it is not, the rejection fails to disclose all of the features of the claim. For one, the rejection fails to give any consideration to the arrangement of the sections. Certain sections have linear passages and another section has

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non-linear passages that are in communication with the linear passages. Thus, there is an arrangement of linear and non-linear passages. As explained for example in Applicant's Specification paragraph 21, the non-linear passages function as a turn-around to return the air to the manifold. Even if the gutter of *Taouil* was separated into pieces, the pieces still would not have the arrangement recited in Applicant's claim 7. For this additional reason, the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

Additionally, claim 7 recites that one of the sections includes an input connector and a return connector that are in communication with the linear air flow passages. The rejection ignores these features. *Taouil* does not even disclose an input connector and a return connector, as recited in the claim. For this additional reason, claim 7 is properly allowable.

Fees for one additional independent (\$100.00) may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the same deposit account for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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